

# Lewis Feild shut out, but retains lead

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — California bull rider Ted Nuce, the defending world champion, captured that event Wednesday night to pass \$100,000 in season earnings after seven rounds of the \$1.8 million National Finals Rodeo.

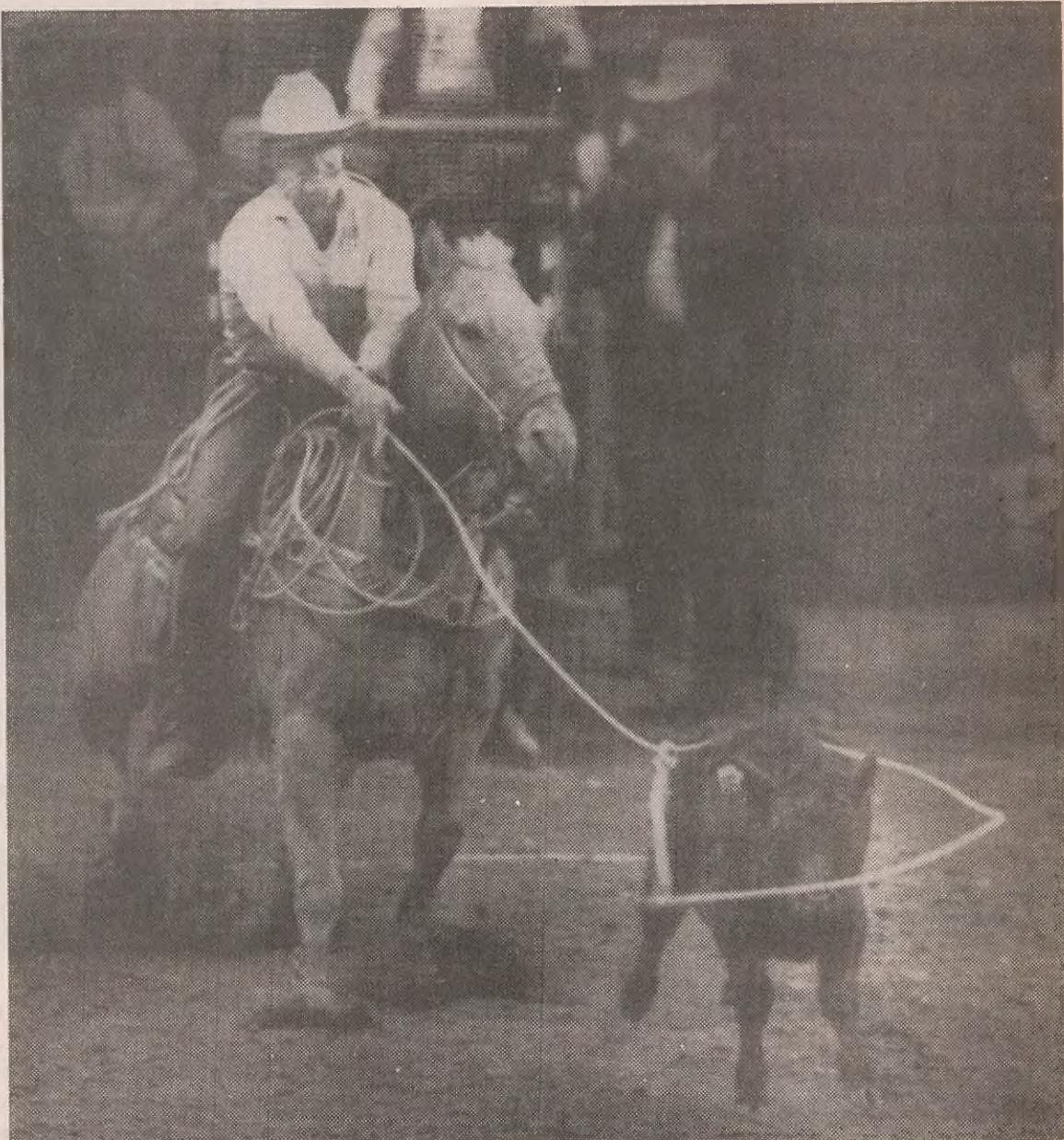
Nuce, who had been shut out in the finals until tying for second Tuesday night, won \$8,400 by scoring an 82 for an easy win after his eight-second ride.

Nuce, of Manteca, still trails Tuff Hedeman of Gainesville, Texas, by about \$10,000 with three sessions of the rodeo remaining. Hedeman tied for second in Wednesday's competition with three other bull riders.

Charles Sampson of Los Angeles also remained in competition for the bull riding championship by riding his seventh straight bull. Although he finished out of the money, Sampson became the only bull rider to finish all of his rides in the rodeo.

A near-capacity crowd watched the seventh of 10 sessions of the world's richest rodeo at the 16,500-seat Thomas and Mack Arena on the University of Nevada-Las Vegas campus. A total of 115 cowboys qualified for the finals, which ends the rodeo season and determines the champions in seven different events. Rod Lyman of Great Falls, Mont., became the leading money winner of the finals, running his earnings to \$28,350 with his third win in steer wrestling. Lyman put his steer to the ground in 4.0 seconds, a tenth of a second ahead of second-place finishers Butch Myers of Welda, Kan., and Tom Ferguson of Anthony, Fla.

Lewis Feild of Elk Ridge, Utah, was shut out in the bareback riding but tied with four others for third in the saddle bronc to retain his lead for the



Calf roper Cliff Williamson of Madden, Alberta scored an 8.1 in the seventh go-round of the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

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Chicago has clinched division title based on overall record. Chicago can clinch home field advantage throughout playoffs by winning two games and New York Giants loses game.

Minnesota can clinch wild card berth by winning two games and the Los Angeles Rams lose two games based on opponent record (6-2 to 5-2), or if San Francisco one game based on overall record. Minnesota can also

132—Bränden Despain, PG, dec. Derek Campbell, 9-4;  
138—Cory Atkinson, PG dec. Tracy Sabey, 8-2; 145—Jeff Wade, W, dec. Brad Mills, 9-8; 155—Darren Henry, PG dec.  
Chris Patch, 10-4; 167—David Smith, W, pinned Russ Johnson, 4-1; 185—Jason Mair, W, pinned Willie Adams, 3-34; Hwy—Jason Totum, PG, pinned Curt Stach, 1-50.

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ar, and is listed with junior center Mariliisa Salmi on the First Team. Middle blocker Dylann Dunn was picked to the Second

Team. Virtanen and Salmi are from Finland, and Duncan is from Salt Lake City.

DKEK-Laramie of Kayce, Wyo., won the saddle bronc competition with a score of 77. Finishing second was Bud Munroe of Valley Mills, Texas, who used the peerless performance to move into the peerless lead for the world championship of the event.

over Jimmie Cooper of Miami-  
ment, N.M., for the crown.  
men the top money winner of all  
rode cowboy for the year.  
The bareback was won by  
Chuck Lague of McMurry, Tex-  
as. Lague earned \$8,400, his first  
money of the rodeo, to push his  
season earnings to \$60,224. Tyng